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Prior to the first Office Action in the present application, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 0008 on page 3 with the following text:

An advantage of the present invention is to provide a facsimile gateway device that is used as a second gateway device in a real time Internet facsimile communication system and is capable of avoiding interruption of the facsimile communication due to the delay in the data transmission over the Internet, easily as compared with the conventional technology, without changing the communication procedure for the second gateway device.

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